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Dear Sir:

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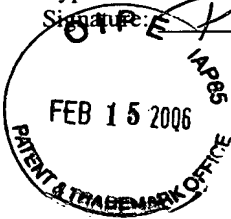
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE REQUIRING EXCESS CLAIMS FEES

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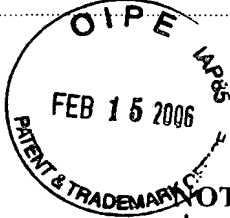
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The excess claim(s) filed on 1/27/06 is not accompanied by the appropriate payment of excess claims fees set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(h)-(j) or 1.492(d)-(f). Excess claims fees are required for each claim in independent form in excess of three (§ 1.16(h)), each claim (whether dependent or independent) in excess of twenty (note that § 1.75(c) indicates how multiple dependent claims are considered for fee calculation purposes) (§ 1.16(i)), and each application that contains a multiple dependent claim (§ 1.16(j)).

Since the application is not under a final rejection, applicant is given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, to submit either: (1) the fee payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, or (2) an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 that cancels the excess claim(s), in order to avoid ABANDONMENT. Extensions of this time period may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, unless the excess claim(s) was presented in a preliminary amendment.

- ☐ 1. The funds in Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ are insufficient to cover the entire fee due. The balance is due within the time period set forth in this notice. See note below regarding the appropriate service charge.
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- ☐ 4. The fee submitted in this application is insufficient. A balance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is due for presentation of excess claims (37 CFR 1.16(h)-(j) or 1.492(d)-(f)).
- ☒ 5. Other. \$ 50.00 Fee due

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